PLATFORM OF CASCADIAN ACTION

THE CASCADIAN RIGHT & WILL

In the first claim to its independence, Cascadia was known as the bud of a great, free, and independent land, that liberty and self-government might spread from, in a grand national vision. Cascadia is not like the USA. Cascadia has its own people, customs, way of life, and culture. Under our high mountains a true personality has been forged with its own fashions and its own ideals. We demand a socially just, economically free, and a politically sovereign Cascadia. Our conception of Cascadia views itself as an integral part of international civilization and aims to become a center of peace, freedom, and prosperity. We demand inclusion in the international community and the permission for development of our defense capabilities to ensure territorial integrity.

Cascadian Action is an ideologically cohesive organization, founded to serve as a custodian of the Cascadian movement, the goal of which is to create a free Cascadian republic which maximizes the will and self-exploration of the individual, encourages creativity, and supports true free association. In short, we demand self-determination for the Cascadian people. Our movement incorporates a spiritual vigor of glory: that of Cascadia, of a construction to be formed by its producers, not discriminative based upon gender, ethnicity, race, social origin, or worldview.

All social groups are to be treated as fellow compatriots and friends by Cascadian Action. A future Cascadia must seek to rectify historical injustices which have offset the long-term equal footing of various social groups, to forge a better path forward. However, above all, our movement upholds the rights of the Cascadian producer to a life of independence and freedom.

The duty for all Cascadians to be armed is pivotal for Cascadia to counter threats against the rights of all citizens. It is the duty, not just the right, for all Cascadians to bear arms for the sake of the collective interest.

GOVERNMENT

We must pry the talons of the present order's political domination away from our right to self-determination through the establishment of a Constituent Assembly to develop and approve a new constitution, consolidating statehood and establishing an ideological framework based upon the Cascadian ideal, promoting a republican state, formulated on the basis of our local communities. The Assembly members must consist of representatives of labor, local public sector officials, educational administration, and more.

We propose a popular vote for the election of representatives into a legislative body which will act specifically on amendments to the constitution, the delegation of powers, and budget legislation. The appointment of ministers (who will be assigned with holding executive authority) over various ministries will occur via the president.

All Cascadians should have the power to initiate legislation through petitions and referendums. These are especially important and should be taken with the utmost attentive attitude by public officials, in regard to local legislation.

driven by private interests.

The state must become a representative of the will of the people. Therefore, to most adequately represent economic interests, it should grant legislative powers and responsibilities to associations of professional trade unions. Activities related to production should be managed by technical councils composed of representatives from these professional trade unions.

The state must adequately exercise its duty of the defense of the people's interest by ensuring exclusive public control over sectors such as utilities, the hydrocarbon industry, law enforcement, the military, etc.

Governing bodies must help fund health promotion and disease prevention initiatives through community-focused, intersectoral efforts. This approach will target lifestyle improvements and enhance overall public health standards.

The minimum age for holding office must be reduced to 25 years of age and must in turn be capped at 65 years of age, prohibiting candidacies for all citizens over the age of 60. This will bring a complete end to gerontocracy and ensure the emergence of new, youthful, and dynamic voices in Cascadian politics.

We demand a reorganization of the judicial & policing system, ensuring more decisive, speedy, and less costly trials. Our justice system must be focused on what it is intended for: Justice. The rehabilitation of convicts, alongside a focus on the prevention of juvenile delinquency must be among our utmost legal priorities, rather than merely organizing our judicial system to exclusively punish the unruly, as such is a tribal and primitive way of addressing crime. We demand the dissolution of the present policing system and its replacement with voluntary community militias.

Cascadian Action demands an end to the present system of the military, and the establishment in its place, of a Cascadian people's militia, in which all of the citizenry must be conscripted for a tour of 1-4 years. This demand is raised with the intention of preventing a military aristocracy and breaking down the social barrier between our veterans and our standard civilians. We also demand aid to veterans and former members of the military, including full social and economic retribution for those who have suffered due to their service in times of war or have been unable to adapt back into society due to general incompetence from the American government.

One of the most contentious social issues of our time is the question of women's rights in regard to abortion. Abortion is not a choice which women generally decide to act upon under ideal economic circumstances. An adequate solution to the question of abortion is the implementation of more social safety nets and educational programs, along with increased access to

contraceptives and abortion alternatives in rural areas. Proper implementation of these measures will aid in the elimination of the vast bulk of abortion instances through non-punitive means. The source of abortion rates must be confronted, which is the modern economic reality which our people are forced to live under.

We demand public ownership of all endeavors regarding the production of military equipment & infrastructure, so that private corporations may not be in control of the means by which we defend ourselves. Therefore, Cascadian Action views self-sufficiency in military development as a fundamental goal for the future.

There must be a judicial commission for state corruption with a responsibility to the citizens of Cascadia for constant investigations into corruption, which are to be curated for the benefit of the people by sniffing out corrupt political figures and removing them from office.

Systems which allow gerrymandering must be thoroughly dismantled so that political groups may not be unfairly prioritized in the democratic process. To prevent gerrymandering, there must be a mandate for district division on the basis of social communities rather than on the basis of arbitrary infrastructure barriers such as highway divides. A secondary preventative method may be the authorization of independent commissions to outline political districts to promote more non-partisan input.

LABOR

In order to secure a fairer situation in the economy, all Cascadians will be encouraged to organize in mass organizations, especially trade unions. Cascadians are to participate in the renewal of union administration, encouraging new leadership to be dynamic, vigorous, virtuous, responsible, militant, and passionate for the rights of the citizen. The working classes, trade unions, employers, and local communities must organize together to move Cascadia forward into a brighter future.

We must institute greater regulation of national resources to help stabilize prices, a capacity of both personal fortunes & annual income to $3,312,693 USD, as well as a 30 hour work-week for all citizens, the provision of an annual income at least one-third that of the national average based on a universal basic income, the implementation of a nationally required vacation period to be democratically decided by labor courts, and finally the lowering of the minimum retirement age to 55 years.

The trade unions recognized by the Cascadian state will be composed of economically productive wage-earners, technical/managerial staff, commercial personnel, small business-owners, public servants, artists, teachers, students, workers employed in liberal professions, members of worker & consumers cooperatives, and the self-employed. A bicameral national board consisting of an upper house with professionals (e.g., carpenters, doctors, lawyers) and a lower house consisting of these trade unions must be established. This board would aim to provide diverse input into national legislation, breaking the influence of foreign interests and oligarchy. To implement effective economic changes, we will advocate input from

unionized lower-house representatives and incorporate training at all levels to facilitate a smooth transition in economic policies. Trade union representatives will help to establish fair wages and distribute profits in enterprises. Changes in the business sector, state-funded entities, and state administration will occur in a scheduled, orderly manner, with input from the unionized lower-house and training ensured at all levels.

We must establish a Labor Court for the prosperity of the Cascadian people to address fair workplace policies and to resolve workplace disputes. Trade unions should elect representatives to a lower house within this court dedicated to representing the working class.

It is the belief of the Cascadian Action that every citizen must be provided for. We need to foster a Cascadia in which no citizen needs to fear homelessness, starvation, etc. Therefore, we believe in the right, and the duty to labor. No matter how much societal reform, there will always be a labor shortage. All Cascadians must be guaranteed a minimum income. New jobs will be curated for the expansion of industry as Cascadia seeks to revitalize its systems and its incompetently designed infrastructure.

In addition to the importance of prohibiting market manipulation by state officials, it is essential to institute a community-based investing concept, by which employers' boards in collaboration with trade unions, will collectively decide on investments based on economic value, promoting ethical business practices. This will eradicate predators from Cascadia and remove conglomerates and mass monopolies from our economy.

To develop a strong economy, Cascadia must reduce its reliance on the importation of labor. This is not to say Cascadia must become isolationist– far from it! Isolationism would be symptomatic of a diseased system. Cascadia must be willing to aid those who seek support. However, the present crippled and weak eastern regime relies on cheap labor and the perpetuation of the poor labor conditions of foreign nations. To strengthen a productive Cascadia, we must expand employment and jobs here at home, rather than relying to the degree that we do on the importation of laborers.

We demand the total eradication of income taxation. To achieve this, we call for its replacement through directing the surplus labor-value of workers into public infrastructure projects rather than filing it into the pockets of company shareholders which leech off of the sweat and blood of our hard-working people. The same strategy ought to be pursued for other taxes, with the goal in mind of the complete eradication of all taxation entirely and its substitution with the aforementioned surplus labor-value redirection policy.

PUBLIC SERVICE

We demand the creation of a Cascadian central bank which must be completely nationalized. A nationalized central banking system will ensure that regulation of the banking system by individual interest will no longer exist, as it does under the private banking system of the United States.

We demand an end to homelessness and housing instability through a strong and adequate social housing program, since housing is a basic necessity, and a human right. A public housing initiative will be established to provide housing for workers' families through construction or renovation projects. Rental payments (by citizenry residing in these public housing projects) to the state will lead to eventual ownership of their residence. We must ensure a secure supply for housing construction at the municipal level, focus on developing housing in rural areas, organize new house construction with private and non-governmental efforts, and introduce efficient building technologies. We must increase housing availability through property recovery and repurposing, sell housing materials at unsubsidized prices, and provide subsidies as needed.

There should be an expansion of development in our rural communities, including the construction of new and modern roads, bridges, highways, railways, as well as other infrastructure developments.

With low-cost internet now unavailable to millions of low-income citizens with the closure of the "Affordable Connectivity Program" in 2023, an affordable internet availability program must be implemented for all Cascadians suffering in poverty.

The defense of a system of social security, increased financial support for families, universal healthcare, and measures to enhance accessibility & assistance for disabled citizens, are all necessary programs to uphold.

A "Board of Consumption" must be formed with the intent of protecting consumers by establishing maximum pricing on goods & services.

Initiatives must be taken through local volunteer corps to clear and exterminate invasive plant species which are disruptive to ecosystems.

Private Sectors

Cascadian Action advocates for the privatization of our technology companies, the exclusive private undertaking of the development of all non-essential industrial chemicals (such as PFAS, BPA, NPEs, organotins, parabens, synthetic fragrances, flame retardants, and phthalates), and a continuation of the partial private oversight of the pharmaceutical industry, as well as a continuation of the dominance of private ownership in the foodservice sector.

Collateral-free automatic loans and equity infusion must be available to all Cascadian industrial and agricultural firms to ensure that they have access to necessary working capital and adequate funds to expand & grow.

A simplification of labor laws where such laws are able to be sufficiently simplified must occur to ensure further ease of business compliance.

Any private firm which is in a state of severe disrepair, or otherwise not in use at all, must be confiscated and transferred into responsible hands, whether private or public.

In Oregon, state regulations regarding crop irrigation for Cascadian farmers, presently managed by the Water Resources Department, must be reformed. The tight water restrictions presently are a chokehold on all farms within the state. Therefore, the deregulation of water usage for the health of Cascadian farms is a necessity.

Wholesale markets must be established for the sales of equipment and supplies, without subsidies.

Production-linked financial incentives must be implemented to help boost sales from locally owned enterprises in order to increase production, thereby cutting the necessity of imports. In line with this plan, those Cascadian farmers who meet production quota levels for crops must see all mandatory financial contributions to the state (presently in the form of taxation) completely slashed. This would mean that there would be no mandatory financial contribution to the state at all for Cascadian farmers who reach these quota levels.

A 100-150% tariff on foreign agricultural products which can be reasonably domestically grown should be put in place to protect Cascadian agriculture. Any agricultural products which cannot be reasonably domestically grown should not be included under these tariffs.

Every private firm with more than 100 employees must establish a board composed of representatives of employers & employees. Per 100 employees, there must be 1 employee representative on the board, elected through the popular vote. The board must regulate employment, company materials, costs and prices. It must also have full access to knowledge pertaining to company assets, liabilities, and capital to manage production, quality & profits, which must be equally distributed across all employees within the company.

In the interest of a fair and free economy, Cascadia must align itself against the interest of financed mega-corporations. The mega-corporation seeks to exploit workers, managers and all alike to extract the maximum amount of surplus value. Mega-corporations are incompatible with the popular will in our conception of a free Cascadia. Therefore, any private company employing 500 or more people must be gradually subdivided and international mega-corporations must be barred from employing citizens.

We demand a free and open land reform with conglomerate owned farmland being confiscated from multinational corporations and the foreign interests which control them and returned to the rightful Cascadian owners. It must be demanded by the people that only Cascadians may own Cascadian land.

Efficient, well-organized firms must be aided by public services and intercompany collaboration will be encouraged for improved efficiency and quality between highly productive firms.

Farmers must distribute a very small bracket of their income & produce to a “Municipal Administration Council”, contributing to local development, with distribution varying based on municipality-specific characteristics.

Cooperatives

A portion of wages may be paid to citizens via economic goods, distributed to the population through worker cooperatives and public firms to stabilize prices.

A designation of “Category A worker cooperatives” will be joint ownership forms which function as business entities with distinct legal standing. Category A employees must contribute assets or labor and aim to provide valuable goods and services to the collective wellbeing. Legal regulations overseeing Category A worker cooperatives must ensure that they remain social property, not transferable to other worker cooperatives, non-state entities, or individuals. Once communal commitments are met, Category A worker cooperatives may conduct direct sales activities authorized for their business operations, and each individual cooperative will determine employee income/profit distribution. Category B cooperatives, formed by Category A worker cooperatives, may be formed to engage in supplementary activities that enhance partner goods or services, such as production, services, marketing, or collaborative sales and purchases for improved efficiency.

Cooperative housing must be promoted by the state as an alternative to public housing to ensure more affordable housing opportunities, with the intent of improving social connectivity as well through the sense of community which is provided by cooperative living.

Education

We must actively campaign for reform to the school system based on a movement away from repetitive memorization as the basis for mastery of topics, instead focusing on tangible problem solving, and focusing on support and motivation more than punishment in learning, producing graduates who are competent in the international economic realm. The state must align available education programs with a holistic view of the needs of the entirety of society, involving teachers, more foreign language programs, and promotion of international cooperation and exchange programs. We recommend that students receive interest-free loans from the state, so colleges and universities thus compete for enrollment rather than funding, ensuring quality education. Modern education is a leftover from the 1800s, which must be repealed. Mandates for irrelevant classes must be repealed.

Improving educational quality will involve prioritizing the continuous development, recognition, and support of teaching staff. Rigorous training programs for teachers, tailored to each educational center's needs and different levels of education, should be established. Reinforcing the teacher's role in students' education and utilizing audiovisual aids as supplementary tools will enhance the learning process. Gradual reorganization of the school network is necessary. The capacity of elementary schools and the number of teachers should align with local

economic development, demographics, and students' residential characteristics. Balancing enrollment capacity in specialty and university courses with societal demands and economic development ensures educational relevance. Early career orientation activities involving families, producers, and service providers, emphasize the importance of intermediate level technicians and skilled workers, validating their roles.

We must ensure free college education and vocational training to every citizen.

We must encourage artistic and literary creativity within Cascadia to bolster the cultural vibrancy of the region. Supporting local artists and writers to enhance the vibrance of Cascadia's unique culture, as well as promoting further art programs in schooling are both necessary steps forward. The development of artistic expression will allow for further promotion of critical thinking and reflection within our society.

Environment

In regard to the expansion of our economy, we must consider the environmental necessity of bringing Cascadia into a new green economy. We must have hydro-electric and nuclear power for a Cascadia of tomorrow, with high levels of green energy and energy independence. We must adopt this sooner rather than later, before it is too late. The coal and the oil reserves of earth are finite and their damage to earth is very obvious. When the coal and oil does eventually inevitably run out, we do not want to be the ones caught stuck in the old times.

To ensure Cascadia's energy security and environmental concerns, several measures are to be proposed. Firstly, alternative energy sources should be developed through interest-free lending to Cascadian households and farmers. Cascadia can use funds from international financial institutions to cover interest costs. Support for renewable energy companies and the transition to green energy should be one of our top priorities.

Energy-saving projects and the development of electric transport are crucial to reduce energy intensity and losses during transportation. Penalties for violating environmental norms should be significantly increased for company leadership, and environmentally harmful production should eventually be prohibited in Cascadia.

The development of ecological communities, based on environment-friendly materials, energy, and agriculture, is also to be encouraged, with state support through preferential land leases and project financing. To manage energy consumption effectively, we will follow a policy of distributing power use to decrease consumption peaks, reducing strain on generation capacity.

The rehabilitation and modernization of power grids and substations, along with the electrification of remote areas, contribute to energy efficiency and conservation efforts. We must maximize the usage of solar, biogas, wind, water, and biomass as renewable energy sources. Priority for the usage of these renewable energy sources must be given to economic or regional bodies with the greatest economic impact. Expanding renewable energy adoption will contribute

to a more sustainable energy mix and reduce dependence on fossil fuels. We must emphasize energy-saving across all sectors of the economy, including the state and residential districts. Non-governmental forms of production and service, like self-employment, will be subject to non-subsidized electricity tariffs.

The timber industry must be completely nationalized, and lands which have not been encroached on by the timber industry must be left unscathed and managed under a National Cascadian Forest Industry, while land which has already been used for timber extraction for an extended period must be extensively reforested and used continuously for all further general infrastructure projects involving the usage of timber.

Further research investments must be made in alternative energy sources such as tidal, thorium & fusion powered energy to ensure energy diversity within a future green Cascadia.

In Eastern Oregon, many homes utilize wells which lack water filtration systems, opening up countless Cascadian families to ever-increasing levels of environmental toxins which have been on the rise due to artificial fertilizers polluting water. To combat this, there must be public intervention to ensure a 50% rise in the number of filtered home water systems to increase access to safe drinking water.

The usage of artificial fertilizers in agriculture must be reduced, and natural fertilizers should be used in their place to create a more environmentally friendly Cascadia.

In line with goals of reforestation, the state must initiate a program with the intent of planting roughly 12,000 acres of trees per year across all of Cascadia.

There must be a gradual restructuring of the landscape of Cascadian cities to include more room for public gardens and greenspace.